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May 14, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY  
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Crisis Pre-Planning

National Security Decision Directive 3, Crisis Management, establishes the Special Situation Group (SSG), chaired by the Vice President. The SSG is charged, inter alia, with formulating plans in anticipation of crises. In order to facilitate this crisis pre-planning responsibility, a Standing Crisis Pre-Planning Group (CPPG) is hereby established.

The CPPG will be chaired by the Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs and will consist of senior representatives of your agencies and of the Office of the Vice President. The CPPG will meet periodically in the White House Situation Room and will:

- Identify, to the extent possible, areas where US interests are at stake in which rising tensions or other circumstances suggest the possible emergence of a crisis.
- For each potential crisis, insure that an interagency group is established and developing contingency plans. Provide guidance to the group and task it with the preparation of preemptive policy options to prevent a crisis if possible as well as the preparation of politico-military options for dealing with the eventual crisis.
- Present such plans and policy options to the SSG.
- Devise procedural measures, draft executive instruments and identify resources essential to implement decisions by the President.
- Provide to the SSG, as crises develop, alternative plans of action/options and coordinated implementation plans that will permit successful resolution.

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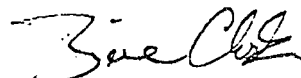
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- Provide to the SSG, recommended security, cover, and media plans that will enhance the likelihood of successful execution.

The first meeting of the CPPG is scheduled for Thursday, May 20, 1982, in the White House Situation Room from 1000-1200. Agencies are requested to provide the name of their CPPG representative to Oliver North, NSC Staff (Telephone: 395-3345) by May 14, 1982. An agenda will be circulated prior to each meeting. The agenda for the first CPPG meeting is attached.

FOR THE PRESIDENT



William P. Clark

Attachment

Tab A - Agenda for May 20, 1982 Meeting

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